U.S. Similarities, Chapter 2

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Agenda

- Devotional and prayer
- Democracy
- Economic development
- Set of comparison countries

Our topic today is U.S. similarities to other countries. Do I look more *similar* to Mommy or Daddy? Or am I an even combination of both?

Devotional | Democracy | Economic Development | Set of Comparison Countries

Imitate Wisely

- Ephesians 5:1–2 (NLT) – “Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

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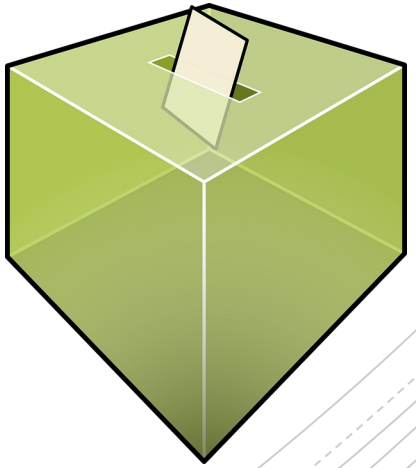
First Similarity: Democracy

Democracy



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More on Representative Democracy

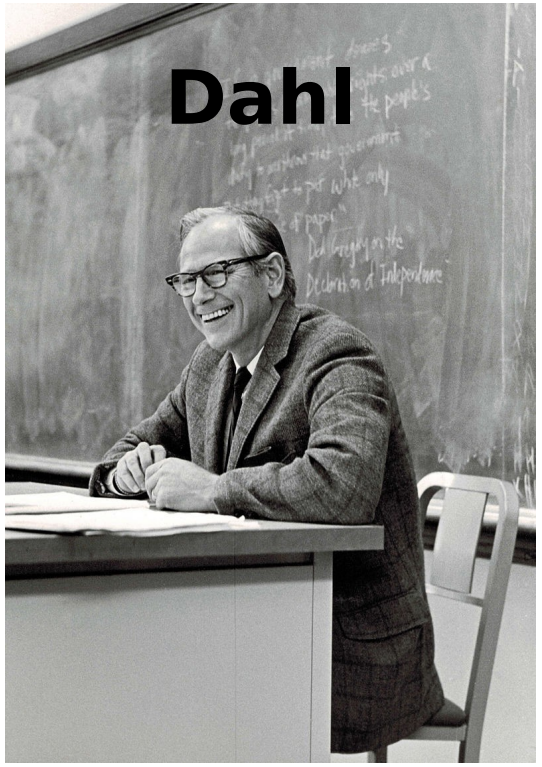
Democracy

Direct

Representative

Classic

Schumpeter's Procedural



Schumpeter

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More on Direct Democracy

- Democracy
  - Direct
    - Refer-endum
    - Town Mtg
  - Representative
    - Classic
    - Schumpeter's Procedural
    - Dahl's Procedural
      - Inclusive Participation
      - Public contestation (preference formulation and articulation)

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More on Direct Democracy: Town Meetings

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIso2Oiuwuw

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More on Direct Democracy: In-Class Activity

Source: Amazon.com

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More on Direct Democracy: In-Class Activity

- 1. What is the conflict in the script?
- 2. What is the role of the Arbiter and the Arbiter's Council in the direct democracy?
- 3. How does the script critique direct democracy?
- 4. What do you personally see as the advantages and disadvantages of direct democracy?
- 5. How do you think the story ends?
- Voice actors to read the script to get us started!

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Evaluating Direct Democracy

Advantages of Direct Democracy	Disadvantages of Direct Democracy

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What Democracy Is Not...

- Authoritarianism
- Totalitarianism

Chinese President Xi Jinping

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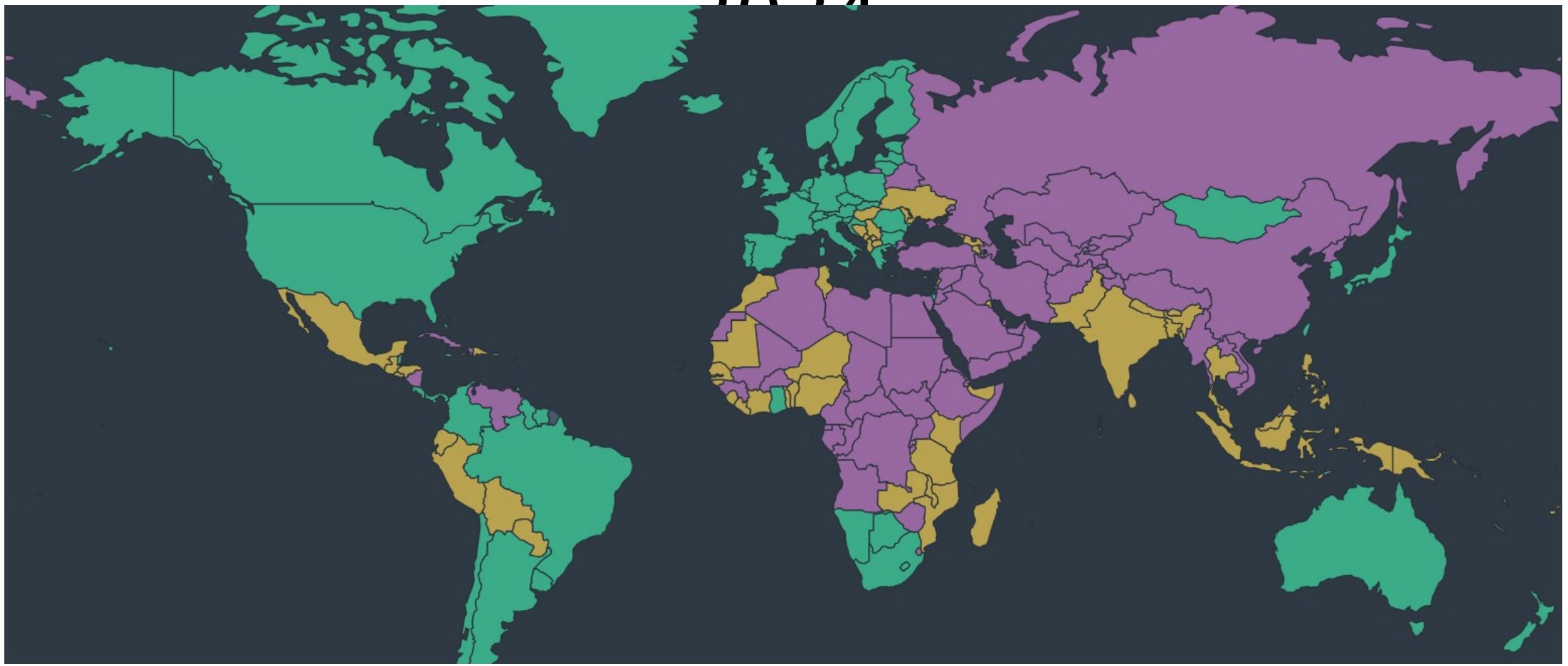
Democracies throughout the World

- Freedom House
  - Political rights
  - Civil liberties

Freedom House

Freedom in the World 2024



Key: Green = Free, Yellow = Partly Free, Purple = Not Free

https://freedomhouse.org/explore-the-map?type=fiw&year=2024

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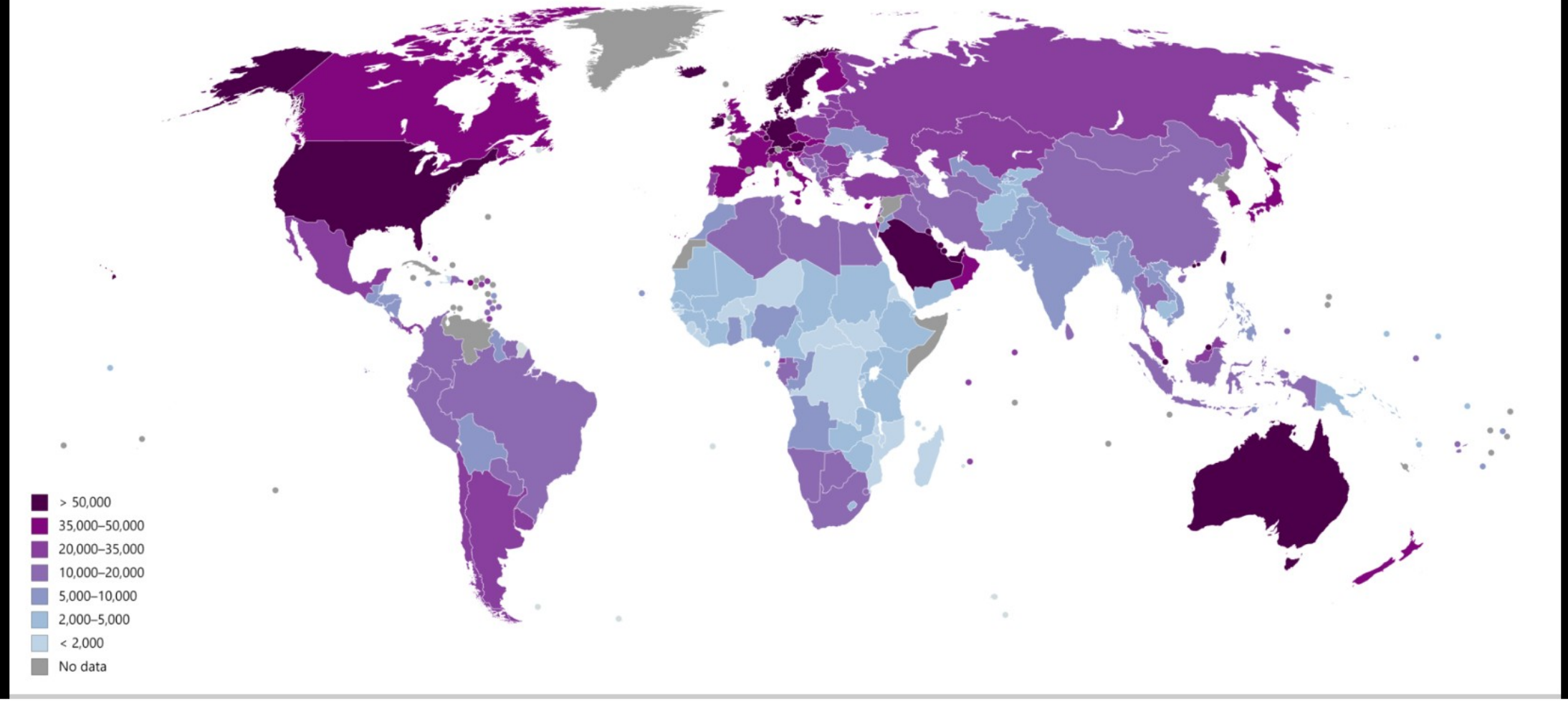
Second Similarity: Economic Development

- What are some characteristics of a country that we can say is economically developed?
- Are all democracies also economically developed?
- Economic indicators tend to go together

Employment in Services (% of Total Employment) (Modeled ILO Estimate)	
United States	78.8529968
Canada	79.072998
Denmark	79.3460007
Iceland	79.6289978
Sweden	80.4440002
Malta	80.7020035
United Kingdom	81.0859985
Cyprus	81.5009995
Netherlands	81.9670029
Israel	82.0839996
Brunei Darussalam	82.7559967
Bahamas, The	83.6460037
Singapore	83.802002
Luxembourg	87.2949982
https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SL.SRV.EMPL.ZS	

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_GDP_(PPP)_per_capita#/media/File:Countries_by_GDP_(PPP)_per_capita_in_2018.png



Countries by GDP (PPP) per capita (Int$) in 2018 according to the IMF > 50,000 35,000–50,000 20,000–35,000 10,000–20,000 5,000–10,000 2,000–5,000 < 2,000 No data

More details

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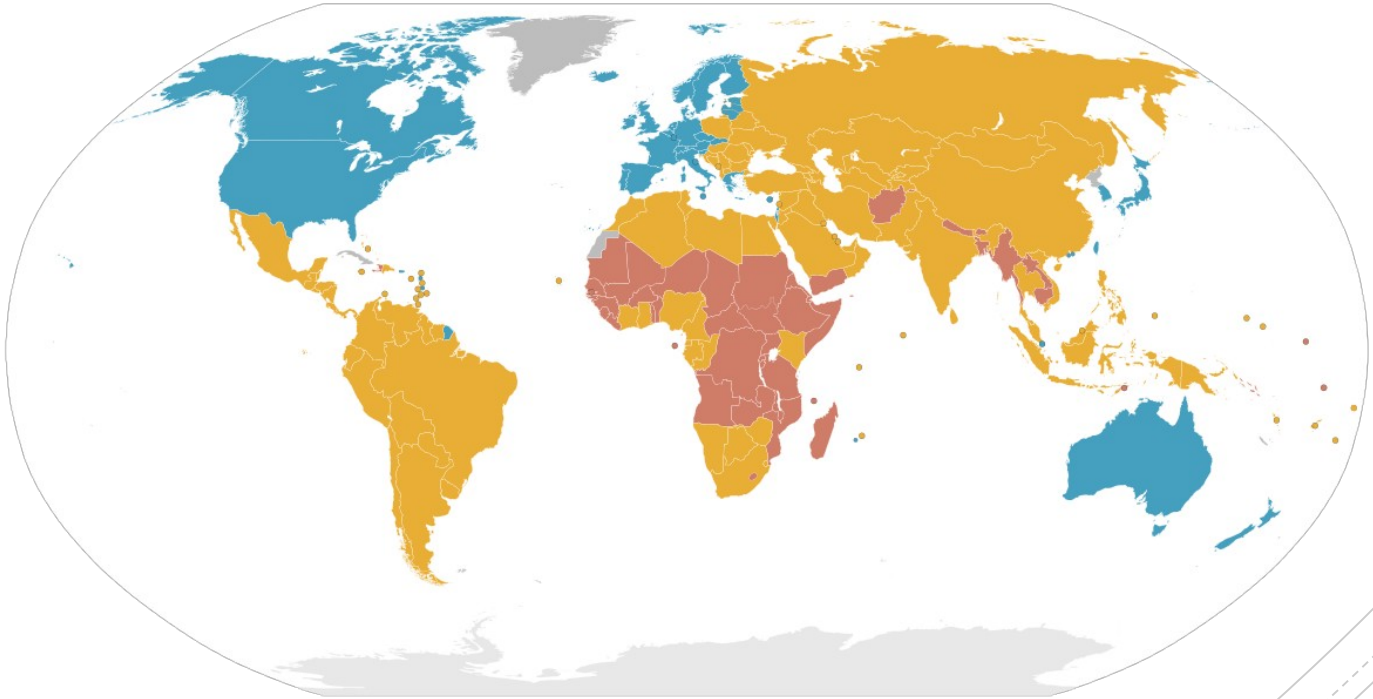
Comparing the United States to…

- Advanced industrial democracies
  - Why these?
    - Why doesn't the United States have universal healthcare while other advanced industrial democracies (countries in blue) do?



Developed countries | Developing countries | Least developed countries | Data unavailable Classifications by the IMF[1] and the UN.[2]

Exam Preparation Questions

- **True** or **False**: According to Dahl's procedural definition of democracy, if a country holds elections, it is democratic.
- **True** or **False**: Advanced industrial democracies are countries that hold free and fair elections for their leaders and have highly developed economies.

Summing Up and Next Up

- Although we will focus on differences between the United States and other countries, this lecture highlighted similarities with advanced industrialized democracies. We also explored the concept of democracy (rule by the people) in depth
- Next: overview and historical foundation of **differences** between the United States and other countries (chapter 3 of *American Difference*)
- Now: bonus quiz